

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

EXAMINE YOUR DATES.

We request each of our subscribers to examine the address on his paper, and particularly to observe the date upon it. This date shows the time up to which the paper has been paid for. Many of our subscribers will thus see that they have paid in advance; but there are many others who will discover that they have not.

NOT RECONCILED.—John A. Studley, of Midway, who was cowhired recently by W. T. Connelly and A. L. Ott, says "time will tell" whether he is reconciled to the indignity or not. In a card he says: "And now, since the lady and her friends have taken the steps they have, in justice to myself, I must say that her mother knows the whole truth, and knows that I have not lied. Every one can see that the correspondent was not disposed to do me justice in that report."

DEMOCRATIC CLUBS.—Every Democratic Club in the county should be thoroughly reorganized at once and a new roster made out with none but members of the club upon it—that is, of men whose names appear upon no other roster, and who have upon the reorganization authorized their names to be placed upon the new roll. Don't wait, but go to work right now like good and true men and show some interest in the welfare of your county and State.

EXCURSION TO CHARLESTON.—There will be a grand fourth of July excursion to Charleston by way of the South Carolina Railway. Tickets will be sold for all trains on the 3rd, 4th and the morning trains of the 5th, and will be good to return on any passenger train until Tuesday, July 6th. A good chance to spend the glorious Fourth and see a professional game of base ball between Charleston and Augusta on the afternoon of the 3rd. Indulge on this great holiday in sight-seeing, island excursions, surf bathing, &c. Fare for the round trip from all stations between Branchville and Columbia or Augusta \$2.00; stations below Branchville \$1.50; children from all stations \$1.

SWEET GIRL GRADUATES.—The commencement season has about closed. The sweet girl graduates have been as fair as any of their predecessors; their dresses as white; their essays as poetical, and the flowers of appreciative friends as profuse and fragrant. Moreover, the weather has been, for the most part, delightful. Until the leaves fall in the Autumn, these fresh spirits from school will enjoy the most delightful rest-time of their lives. The preliminaries are past, and the real labors have not yet begun. Youthful anxieties are over, and the vexations of maturity are unknown. If they have any visiting or playing to do, now is the time to do it. They will never have so much leisure again, or so much capacity to enjoy it.

WE DECLINED.—We received all the way from London a circular from "Jensen & Co.," with an advertisement of a matrimonial agency which we were requested to kindly insert for one month, "send copy of paper with first insertion, also account," with the information that the latter "shall be attended to at once." We have no doubt it would be attended to; none in the world. The real essence of Jensen & Co., is found in the advertisement they send, which says their agency is "Established to supply settlers in the States with the addresses of respectable young women who are willing to communicate with bona fide tradesmen, farmers and others desirous of meeting with useful wives. They will be supplied from the agricultural districts of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, as well as the continent of Europe. Applicants should state their particular requirements and preferences, enclosing postal order for two shillings to meet preliminary expenses." Of course we declined to bite.

A WORD OF ADVICE.—After you get on your car and make up your mind to stop your paper to make the editor feel humiliated, just poke your finger in water and then pull it out and look for the hole. Then you will know how sadly you are missed. The man who thinks that a paper cannot survive without his support, ought to go off and stay awhile. When he comes back half his friends don't know he was gone. The other half didn't care a cent and the world at large had not kept any account of his movements whatever. You find things you cannot endorse in every newspaper. Even the Bible is rather plain, and hits some very hard licks. If you were to get mad and burn your Bible, the hundreds of presses would still go ahead printing them, and if you were to stop your paper and call the editor all sorts of ugly names, the newspaper would still be published. And, what is more, you will sneak around and borrow a copy every week from your neighbor. It is much better to keep your vest pulled down and your subscription paid up at least one year in advance.

HAMPTON LITERARY SOCIETY DEBATE.—The fourth annual debate of the Hampton Literary Society and the second anniversary meeting of the Girls Chapter of the Sheridan Classical School was held Wednesday evening 23 ult., in the hall over the school rooms. After prayer by Rev. J. E. Carlisle, Gen. Jas. F. Izlar, the presiding officer, announced the following as the query for discussion: "Resolved, That the negro is a failure as an American citizen." The affirmative side of the question was ably defended by Messrs. P. L. Felder and H. W. Rice, while the negative was equally as well taken care of by Messrs. N. L. Pike and M. C. Rayson. At the conclusion of the speeches of the debaters, Gen. Izlar made a most excellent little speech in which he took occasion to compliment the young men on the handsome manner in which they had acquitted themselves. The exercises of the Girls Chapter, which now took place, consisted of the reading of an essay by Miss Alice Rayson, a selection by Miss Alice Stoll, a recitation by Miss Dina Kohn, and the recitation by Miss Georgie Sheridan. The entertainment was a very pleasant and enjoyable affair, and the young ladies and gentlemen of the Chapter and Society deserve credit for the handsome manner in which they acquitted themselves. The large audience in attendance were indebted to Professors A. Berg and H. Kohn for the very sweet music which was furnished on the occasion.

OUR BREVITY BASKET.

Filled With Brief Mention of Many Minor Events of the Week.

The new telephone exchange is nearly complete. There are eight subscribers to it.

All the boarding pupils of our town have gone home. We wish them a pleasant vacation and a safe return next Fall.

If you want to send your sons or daughters to college there is no better place to prepare them than the schools of Orangeburg.

B. G. Price, Esq., of the Walterboro Press, was in town last week in attendance on the exhibition of the Sheridan Classical School.

It is generally understood among Capt. J. H. Felder's friends that he will stand for legislative honors at the approaching election.

Wonder if all the so-called leaders in the farmer movement want office? If they do, they will outnumber the rank and file by a large majority.

If we are to judge by the young ladies we saw at the picnic at Ziegler's store last Thursday we think Caw Caw Township is a good place for a fellow to go for a pretty wife.

Our young friend, B. H. Moss, Esq., who has been taking an extended Northern tour, returned home last Friday. While in Washington he called on the President.

The Committee of Arrangements of the Philomathic Society have our thanks for an invitation to attend the third annual social of the Society, which comes off to-night.

It is reported that Mr. V. V. S. Austin, of the Fork, will be a candidate for the Legislature next Fall. We thought so when we saw him figuring in the farmers' movement. Well, if he gets votes enough he will be elected.

The Marion Star says: "An effort was made last week to organize Tillman clubs in two townships in this County, but there were only six men at one meeting and three at another." The same thing has happened in other counties.

Among the graduates of the Columbia Female College this year we notice the names of Miss Mamie Summers, Miss Leila Livingston and Miss Carrie Summers of our county. We congratulate these young ladies on the successful completion of their education.

Miss F. L. Mellichamp requests us to correct a mistake that occurred in our report of the exhibition of Mellichamp's High School. Prof. Berg directed the instrumental music on the above occasion, and not Miss Mellichamp as we stated in the report. We were misinformed, hence the error.

THE July number of the Eclectic Magazine begins the forty-fourth volume of the new series, and we find ample evidences of the fact that this stirring periodical justifies its high reputation. No one wishes to keep himself *au courant* with the best current thought of Europe can dispense with this magazine. In the present number we find a large variety of papers and many eminent writers represented. Matthew Arnold attacks Gladstonism in an article called "The Nadir of Liberalism," and following this paper we have one by Dr. Henry Maudslay on "Heredity in Health and Disease." Frederic Harrison attacks the new pedantry of scholars in changing the orthography of well-established names, and Cardinal Manning constitutes a pungent and suggestive article under the name of "The Child of the English Savage." Laurence Oliphant writes pleasantly about some of his own reminiscences. ("Moss from a Rolling Stone.") Other striking articles are papers on "Longfellow," on "The American Montaigne" (Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes), "The people and their friends," by a London Artisan, "Criticism as an Inductive Science," by William Archer, and an Astronomical article by Richard A. Proctor, "Whence Came the Comets?" The short articles are bright, suggestive and well selected. This number contains a fine steel-engraving entitled "Blind Man's Buff," copied from Myer Von Bremen's celebrated painting, and, as it begins a new volume, it is a good time to begin a new subscription. Published by E. H. Pelton, 25 Bond Street, New York. Terms, \$5 per year; single numbers, 45 cents; trial subscription for 3 months, \$1. Eclectic and any \$4 Magazine \$8.

PHILOMATHIC LITERARY SOCIETY.—The exercises of the present scholastic year of Mellichamp's High School were brought to a close last Thursday evening by the public debate of the Philomathic Literary Society, composed of the more advanced young men and young ladies of the school. The first part of the exercises consisted of readings by Miss Rosa Wolfe, B. E. Izlar, Miss Gertrude Cannon, Miss Edith Mellichamp, J. E. Lightfoot, and an original essay by Miss Floride Lowman. Then came the discussion of the query, "Which has bestowed the greatest benefit on mankind, the warrior, statesman, the philosopher or poet?" Mr. Jos. V. Andrews advocated the claims of the warrior, Mr. Fred Wannamaker spoke in behalf of the statesman, Mr. Louis Link in behalf of the philosopher, and Mr. W. R. Lowman closed the debate by contending that the poet was entitled to be classed the greatest benefit bestowed on mankind. The speeches showed considerable thought and thorough preparation, were well delivered, and were frequently applauded by the large audience. Mr. T. M. Rayson, of the Orangeburg Bar, presided over the debate, and at its conclusion delivered an eloquent and exceedingly appropriate address to the young men and young ladies of the society and school. Mr. Rayson's speech contained much valuable food for thought and made a decided impression on his audience. His thoughts were clothed in the most chaste and beautiful language, and his earnest delivery was well calculated to make a fine impression on his hearers.

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FESTIVAL.—Thursday Evening, July 23d, for the benefit of the Children's Society of the Presbyterian Church, a peach festival will be held on the Presbyterian Church Lawn, from 6 to 11 o'clock. Admission free. Refreshments of ice cream, cake, frozen peaches, &c. The public are invited.

The Sheridan Classical School.

The exhibition of this school came off last Friday evening. The large and spacious school hall was well filled with parents and friends of the children. Promptly at eight o'clock the pupils marched into the hall while Miss Georgia C. Sheridan played a march on the piano. After prayer by Rev. Edwin Muller, the following programme was carried out:

MUSIC—DUET FROM THE OPERA "DER FREISCHUTZ"—Miss Alluma Auberchont and Prof. Berg.

SALUTATORY.....Allen Way.

PUZZLING THINGS.....Dempsey Hydrick.

A SCHOOL BOY.....Thomas Rayson.

ANGELS CAN DO NO MORE.....Aug. S. Hydrick.

OLD IRONSIDES.....Miles Pipkin.

A CHRISTMAS CORAL.....Willie Ewing.

SCHOOL CALLED.....Herman Spahr.

MUSIC—ROSALINDE SCHOTTISCHE BRILLANT—Miss Annie Cornelson.

BIVOUAC OF DEAD.....Bruce Salley.

.....Willie Way.

DEATH OF JASPER.....Charlie Culler.

THE SWORD.....Geo. Livingston.

THE TWO CUPS.....S. O. Izlar.

CONFEDERATE NOTE MEMORIAL.....Willie Brunson.

COUNT'S DAUGHTER.....Eugene Walter.

VACATION—Annie Perryclear, Cora Sheridan, Hattie Way.

MUSIC—VISIONS OF RUST WALTZES—Miss Alice Rayson.

CONQUERED BANNER.....Virgil Dibble.

NOT AN EXPERIMENT.....Charles Horger.

MISSOURI IN 1860.....Henry Jennings.

.....Frank Horger.

WAR OF LIBERTY.....John Beckwith.

TELL ME YE WINGED WINDS—Annie Livingston, Minnie Vaughn, Bessie Horger, Lizzie Rayson, Daisy Salley, Essie Brunson, Mamie Ewing.

MUSIC—JOYFUL MESSAGE—ALLEGRETTO GRAZIOSO—Miss Agnes Lightfoot.

THE WEST.....Alonzo Horger.

LIBERTY AND THE CONSTITUTION—Felix D. Rush.

MILITARY INSUBORDINATION.....Fletcher Fahey.

AMERICA.....Eugene Boylston.

PROSPECT OF CALIFORNIA.....Arthur Bowman.

.....W. J. Smoak.

POLISH BOY.....Hutson Salley.

MUSIC—BEAMING EYES WALTZ—Miss Annie Doyle.

DEATH OF GARFIELD.....Norman L. Pike.

WASHINGTON.....W. P. Herndon.

DANGER TO THE UNION.....Donald Salley.

NATIONAL CHARACTER.....G. B. Hiers.

CONDITION OF EUROPE.....Daniel Padgett.

MUSIC—MERRY PRINCESS POLKA CAPRICE—Miss Annie Cornelson.

HAPPENINGS AT ROWESVILLE.

A Newsy Letter from Our Little Sister Town.

ROWESVILLE, June 29th, 1886.

While we readily admit the correctness of the statement in your last issue, we would add that some one must have a "fly on him;" it is advisable to get entirely out of the woods before the yell is made. Bear in mind that the base ball season is still in its infancy, and there may yet be some wonderful surprises in store for the base ball fraternity from the O K's. We would be ever so much delighted if the Jamison's would visit us at headquarters again that we might in some way give them an inkling of our appreciation of their hospitality. We are pretty universal in the opinion that they will not prove such terrors when they get off from home.

We have had several refreshing showers in the past few days which has buoyed up the vegetable kingdom considerably. Sambo has laid aside the farming implements and takes recreation around the cat-fish holes, getting tri-weekly nibbles, and judging from the mode of cultivating, every other row, we would suppose the merchant only took half stock and his part was placed in the hands of Providence, while Sambo takes care of No. 1.

Our energetic young townsman Mr. T. M. Dukes has a remarkably fine crop in good condition. This being the first attempt on his own responsibility, we wish him all the success he merits.

Mr. D. J. Barton had a difficulty with a negro who came into his yard, and in a threatening manner defied him to approach, he was taught a lesson which he will not soon forget and which had a good effect, for he returned immediately to his work, and Mr. Barton has had no further trouble. It will teach them that the O K's are dangerous boys even outside of the base ball field.

Messrs. W. L. Wolfe & Son are increasing the size of their already commodious store to have room for full stock.

Miss Jennie Colson, Mr. Willie Whetstone and Capt. Hasell and Moore of Charleston spent Sunday at this place. Mr. Willie Banks is also on a visit here. Certainly it is the very attractive young ladies here which induces the visits of such popular men; probably the mystery will now be opened up how it is that there are so many bachelors where there are such attractive ladies, the fault is undoubtedly with the ladies, for you will always find two or three of these inevitable bachelors' horses hitched at one or the other gate post. These other gentlemen visiting here may have the effect of "screwing their courage up to the sticking point."

Midway was to have played Branchville club here on Tuesday—something wrong—some one dubious of an unsatisfactory score.

A nice and select little party of Rowesville's fair young ladies and gentlemen and several invulnerable minded dudes participated in a picnic at "Orange Grove" on last Thursday, with the exception of a shower or two just at the time dinner was announced there was no interruption to the days enjoyment, the children most especially had a nice time, one young lady took delight in entertaining them. We had a sumptuous and elegant dinner, every body brought baskets full, (with one exception and he was anxious that his should be filled—one of the above mentioned bachelors of course,) of various kinds of dainties; epicure could not murmur.

A moon-light picnic is spoken of, how the moon-light is to be produced is a mystery to me; now if they had substituted gas the mystery would easily have been solved for there are several young men about the village who have enough and some to lend.

Those who are experimenting with the cultivation of tobacco are having all the showers they need for transplanting. Mr. J. P. Sain is said to have the most advanced crop of that weed in the neighborhood.

Since we have learned that our young farmer with the enormous expectations had a sweetheart between him and his farm, it is natural that he should have a good crop, or at least one would suppose so from the number of times he visits or goes in that direction per day.

Our "dudes" (for there are several) are having picnic times now. One has gone away, (or at least we hope so,) in the capacity of traveling salesman for some hardware establishment; it is hard to say for what house, but one would suppose for some New York firm from the airs he assumes. The others have stepped out, we suppose their narcotic are exhausted and they are around some narcotic establishment replenishing.

There is considerable amount of sickness in the neighborhood at this writing, among them we are sorry to say is our young friend Mr. J. D. Bowman, who we hope ere this reaches you will be convalescent. We are also pained to chronicle the demise of Mrs. James Cox, who died after an attack of only a few hours, leaving a bereaved husband and nine children to mourn her loss. We tender our sincerest sympathies to the family.

ST. MATTHEW'S ACADEMY.—The closing exercises of this old and flourishing Academy took place on last Friday. As is usual on the annual celebrations of this institution, there was an immense gathering of the citizens from the surrounding country. The exercises, consisting of speeches, recitations and dialogues by the boys and girls, commenced about 10 o'clock and continued until 1 o'clock. All of the pupils reflected credit upon themselves and their teacher, and their performances were greatly enjoyed by all present. After the speaking by the children, School Commissioner Mellichamp was introduced to the audience who spoke earnestly upon the importance of education and gave some sound advice to School trustees, parents and children. The teacher, Mr. A. W. Summers, then arose and spoke feelingly to the children and trustees on the subject of his parting with the school after two years of pleasant work, and thanked the audience for their presence and attention. The resignation of Mr. Summers to enter upon other pursuits is greatly regretted, and it is hoped that his place may be well filled. Dinner was now announced and in a short time all present were well supplied with refreshments, and made comfortable for indulgence in games and pleasant conversation with friends. The day was a very pleasant one in every way and will long be remembered with pleasure.

Read notices of Democratic Club meetings in another column. Let every Democrat attend.

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